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G.A.B. To Issue 21st Senate District Recount on Monday to Begin Next Wednesday

MADISON, WI – The Wisconsin Government Accountability received a petition for a recount in the 21st Senate District Recall Election today which was filed by Senator Van Wanggaard, to contest the results of the June 5, 2012 election. As required by Wisconsin law, the Board will issue an order on Monday requiring the Racine County Board of Canvassers to start its recount at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2012. All of the 21st Senate District is located within Racine County.

The canvassing board is required to complete the canvass and submit results to the Board within 13 calendar days of the Board's order. Because that date lands on Sunday, July 1st, the deadline for completing the recount will be Monday, July 2, 2012. The county's recount determination may be appealed to circuit court within 5 business days. If no appeal is filed, the Board will certify the results of the 21st Senate District Recall Election after the appeal deadline has expired.

The Board has received no other recount petitions regarding recall elections conducted on June 5, 2012. The final county canvass reports were submitted to the Board yesterday. Wisconsin law requires the Board to wait until after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 to certify the results of all elections for which a recount petition is not filed by that time.

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